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By the present amendment, omnibus claims 49-54 have been deleted without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The remaining claims have been amended in order to remove multiple dependency, and to place them in better condition for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any questions concerning the present amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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